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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: ETEL, CA

SUBJECT: BORDER TELEVISION

1. RESPONDING TO INITIATIVE FROM EMBASSY OTTAWA,
DEPARTMENT CONTACTED CANADIAN EMBASSY JANUARY 27 TO SUGGEST
THAT KISSINGER/JAMIESON EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONCERNING
BORDER TELEVISION BE RELEASED. CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER
(MERKLINGER) AGREED TO PASS THE REQUEST TO OTTAWA.

2. MERKLINGER TELEPHONED JANUARY 28 TO SAY THAT OTTAWA IS
OPPOSED TO RELEASE OF THE LETTERS, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME,
FOR THREE REASONS. FIRST, RELEASE OF THE LETTERS AT THIS
POINT COULD IN SOME WAY INTERFERE WITH THE SUPREME COURT
HEARINGS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS RELATING TO CRTC AUTHORITY
IN THIS AREA. SECONDLY, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION
IS THAT THE CRTC ANNOUNCEMENT GIVES THE PUBLIC ALL NECES-
SARY INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT, AND EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
NEED NOT BE RELEASED. FINALLY, APPARENTLY THERE IS CONCERN
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THAT THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS SHOW-
ING THAT THE CANADIAN SIDE CAVED IN.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICER EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF THE POINT
CONCERNING SUPREME COURT HEARINGS. HOWEVER, HE NOTED
PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AND EXPRESSED

THE VIEW THAT THEY REPRESENT EXAMPLE OF SMOOTH WORKING OF THE U.S.-CANADIAN PROBLEM SOLVING PROCESS. FINALLY, HE NOTED THAT IF C-58 IS PUT INTO THE EQUATION, AS IT PROPERLY SHOULD BE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ASSERT THAT ONE GOVERNMENT OR THE OTHER HAD CAVED IN.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED AGAIN ONCE THE SUPREME COURT HEARINGS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED.
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